

YOUTH BOWLER AGREEMENT:

This is to certify that I have read, fully understand and agree to abide by the Eligibility Requirements and Rules established for the 2026 Indiana Youth Scratch Championships and hereby make application for entry into said tournament. I further certify that I have not bowled, substituted and paced in any league or tournament where money contributed, shall not be considered to be in violation of the USBC Eligibility Rule.

Signature _____ Date: _____

Printed Name _____

PARENTAL CONSENT AGREEMENT:

I certify that I have read the Indiana Youth Scratch Championships rules and hereby grant my permission for my son/daughter/ward, etc. to compete on all levels of this event. I further understand that a Parent, Guardian, or Coach must accompany the youth bowler to the National Event at your own expense. In consideration of the ISUSBC youth contribution of the Indiana Youth Scratch Championships from any and all liability for injury or accident involving entrant as an entrant's participation therein.

Signature _____ Date: _____

FINALS are bowled in **Villa Lanes, 1704 Nuttman Avenue, Decatur, IN 46733**

Complete entry forms and make entry fees payable to ISUSBC. **NO PERSONAL CHECKS ALLOWED. Entries must be postmarked no later than October 20, 2026. Late fees will apply for late entries.**



Confirmation of entry received and date(s) bowling will be emailed to your coach or youth director.

Questions?

**Please call/email Mindy Wright, Youth Scratch Manager 812-251-5827 or
Mindy.wright@indianastateusbc.org**

INDIANA STATE YOUTH SCRATCH CHAMPIONSHIP RULES AND FORMAT



1. This tournament is certified by each state/zone and shall be governed by USBC rules.
2. Advancement at the state level will be one bowler per U12, U14, U16 and U18 divisions shall advance. The advancement ratio shall be applied uniformly to all eligible divisions.
3. Advancers out of the league level must remain in the division they qualified in during all subsequent levels. If a bowler advances out of the league level in more than one state/zone, the bowler must declare one state/zone to continue competing in before the next competition level. Participation in any level of competition past the league level in more than one state/zone will result in automatic disqualification.
4. Competition will take place at Villa Lanes, 1704 Nuttman Avenue, Decatur, IN on November 7-8 or November 14-15, 2026 at 9:00 am or 1:00 pm on each date.
5. Entry closing date is October 20, 2026. Tournament entry form containing qualifier's name, address, telephone number, and social security number must be submitted to the Tournament Manager by this date. If entries are postmarked after this date then there will be a \$20 late fee assessed. **All entries turned in late without the late fee will be returned. NO EXCEPTIONS. No personal checks allowed.**
6. Divisions are based on the participant's age. Athletes must compete in their proper age division in all levels of competition. Athletes must be Junior Gold Members or be eligible and buy membership prior to advancement to the Junior Gold Championships. Competition shall be conducted in the following divisions: U8, U10, U12, U14, U16 and U18.
7. Age Division Birthday Range

<u>Division</u>	<u>Birthdate Range</u>
U8	Born 8/1/2018 or later
U10	Born 8/1/2016 – 7/31/2018
U12	Born 8/1/2014 – 7/31/2016
U14	Born 8/1/2012 – 7/31/2014
U16	Born 8/1/2010 – 7/31/2012
U18	Born 8/1/2008 – 7/31/2010
8. The tournament format shall be: Divisions U8 & U10 will bowl 3 games, Divisions U12, U14, U16 & U18 will bowl 6 games. Total scratch pin fall will determine the winner for each division.
9. Entry fee is:

	<u>U8 and U10: (scratch)</u>	<u>U12, U14, U16 and U18 (scratch)</u>
Lineage:	\$10.50	Lineage: \$21.00
Expenses:	\$14.50	Expenses: \$19.00
Scholarships:	<u>\$20.00</u>	Scholarships: <u>\$20.00</u>
TOTAL:	\$45.00	TOTAL: \$60.00
10. Entrants participating in the handicap division must submit with the entry form a copy of the bowler's average on Bowl.com as of July 31, 2026 or the bowler will be entered with a 200 average. Handicap will be 100% of 200. (a) Entrants must use the highest USBC certified league average of 12 games or more for the current year. (b) If a certified "sport" league average is the youth's only average, it will be adjusted per the USBC sport adjustment chart to determine the average to be used. Handicap entry fees will be 100% given back in scholarship funds.

Awards and scholarship fees shall be returned 100% to the bowlers.

Scholarships will be held in

SMART Account Number: 8520

(*USBC Rules 301d and 309 state that all scholarships awarded during a USBC event must be deposited in the SMART Program.)

11. **All bowlers must wear suitable attire. No smoking by guests or athletes on the concourse or in the settee area, only in designated areas. No electronic devices in the settee area. Tournament manager or staff can ask for a bowler to change if the dress attire is deemed inappropriate.**
12. No substitutes will be permitted once athletes have started tournament play. However, replacement may be used for the bowler not present 30 minutes prior to the squad time stated in Rule 2. Replacements must be based on the order of finish from the prior level of competition. (i.e., the same window, same league and same center as the “no-show” bowler if replacement is from the league level. They must follow the order of advancement within that window/league.)
13. Competitors shall be allowed 10 minutes of practice time on their starting pair of lanes.
14. If no replacement has been made, bowlers arriving late shall begin play and the score shall count beginning with the frame then being bowled. Missed frames shall be credited with a zero. Frames missed may not be made up. A bowler not present to bowl when it's their turn will be credited with a zero for that frame.
15. Only bowlers and tournament officials shall be permitted in the settee area.
16. In the event that a qualifier needs to be replaced (declined or previously qualified) and there is a tie to determine who will advance to the Junior Gold Championships, the high game from the qualifying scores will determine who will advance. If the high score for each is the same, the next subsequent high score will be used until the tie is broken.
17. Claims for errors in scoring or general playing rules must be made to the Tournament Director no later than the start of the next block or 30 minutes after the completion. Questionable errors shall be decided upon by the Tournament Director. All other protests must be confirmed in writing to the Tournament Director within 72 hours of the infraction. Under the rule, each protest must be specific in itself.
18. Scholarships will be awarded as follows 1 in 5. There will be scholarships awarded in the scratch and handicap divisions based on the entries.
19. The first-place winners of the U12, U14, U16 and U18 divisions for both Girls and Boys will advance to the 2027 Junior Gold Championships. They must be USBC Junior Gold members to advance to the Junior Gold Championships. Bowlers without a current Junior Gold membership must purchase a Junior Gold membership prior to June 8. USBC will waive the \$250 (U16, U18), \$200 (U14), and \$150 (U12) entry fee for these athletes. These athletes will compete for additional scholarships available to all athletes at the Junior Gold Championships, as well as other prizes and awards. All U.S. citizens are vying for a spot in the USBC Junior Team USA 2027 to represent the United States in national and international competition. If the U12, U14, U16 and U18 Division Champion is unwilling to become a Junior Gold member, they will not advance to the Junior Gold Championships. However, the athlete will still retain the state/zone scholarship, but the berth to the Junior Gold Championships will be awarded to the next eligible athlete.

Eligible advancers must agree to bowl in the Junior Gold Championships, or, failing to do so, agree to waive all rights. Replacements will be selected based on the order of finish in their division at the state/zone level. Replacements will incur all costs associated with changing the airline ticket, if applicable. If the eligible advancer earned at the state/zone level will be retained.



All matters not covered by these rules and regulations shall be determined by the State/Zone Youth Scratch Championships Tournament Committee. The National USBC Youth Scratch Championships Tournament committee reserves the right to accept or reject any participant.

Tournament Manager:

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